

# Côte d'Ivoire Situation

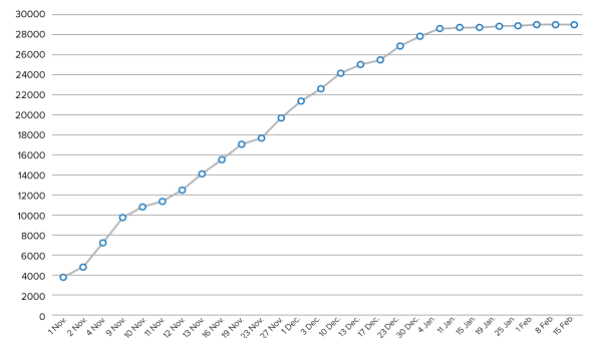
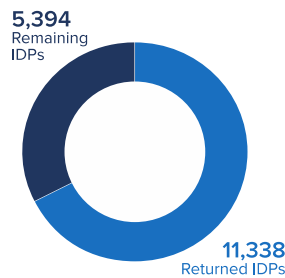
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As of 15 February, **29,336 Ivorians who fled Côte d'Ivoire** have been pre-registered in Liberia, Ghana, Guinea and Togo. Liberia currently hosts 95 per cent of them.

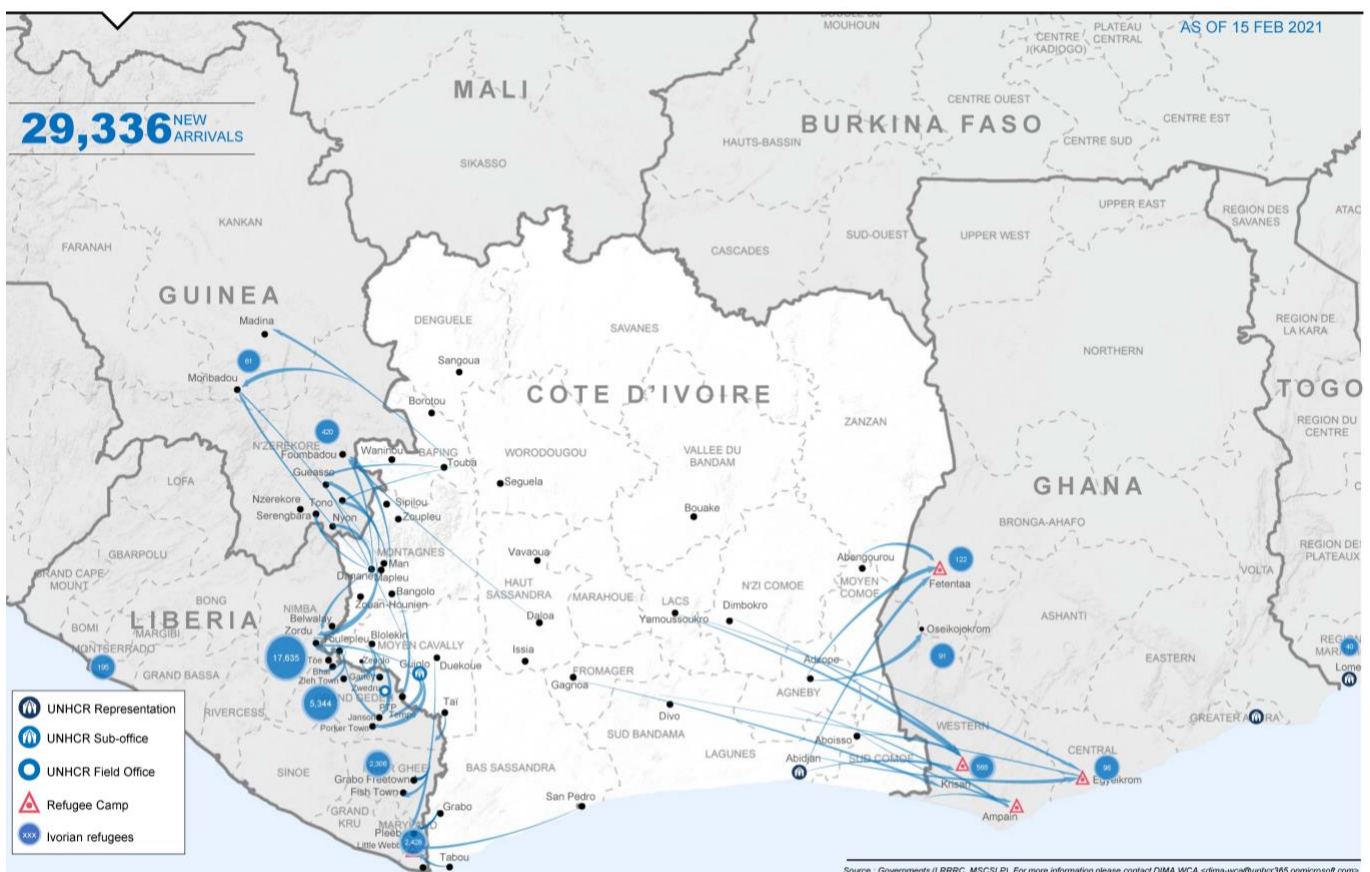
According to government reports, of **an original 16,732 internally displaced Ivorians**, an estimated 68 per cent (11,338) have returned to their villages of origin, and **5,394 remain displaced** within Côte d'Ivoire.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN\*

Host Countries	Refugees
Liberia	27,908
Ghana	877
Guinea	511
Togo	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,336</b>



\*Data as of 15 February as reported by UNHCR Operations



## KEY UNHCR ASSISTANCE TO DATE:



# UNHCR Emergency Response

## Liberia



### PROTECTION

- As of 15 February 2021, a total of 27,908 Ivorian refugees have crossed into Liberia, 92 per cent of whom (25,652) have been formally registered. Out of the five counties hosting recent Ivorian arrivals, Nimba County continues to host a majority (63 per cent) of the population.
- There were no new arrivals during the reporting period, and population increases continue to be attributed to back-dated registrations of Ivorians who arrived in previous weeks. Pre-registration efforts are ongoing, and UNHCR and partners continue to respond to reports of new arrivals in remote areas.



### HEALTH

- Access to health care continues to be a challenge. In some areas of Grand Gedeh County the nearest health centre doesn't have basic medicine for common illness such as malaria, yet for many refugees this requires two days of travel by foot, or a USD \$30 motorbike trip. UNHCR is working with local authorities in Grand Gedeh and Nimba to organise the repair of non-operating county ambulances.
- COVID-19 prevention efforts are ongoing, and in Nimba County each registration site has implemented temperature checks conducted by a resident nurse, and has been equipped with handwashing facilities.
- Public health campaigns have commenced in Liberia following the reported outbreak of Ebola in Guinea in an area close to Nimba County.



### SHELTER AND WaSH

- Many recently arrived refugees are being hosted in overcrowded private homes or in dilapidated shelters without adequate access to latrines or water sources. UNHCR continues to work with local authorities in a number of host communities to identify land where new arrivals can build shelters.
- Poor road conditions continue to pose challenges throughout the response. UNHCR has partnered with the Ministry of Public Works to organize the rehabilitation of the road leading to the PTP Settlement, which is now more than halfway complete.



### FOOD AND CRIS

- Food scarcity remains an ongoing concern throughout the border areas, and UNHCR is coordinating closely with WFP to ensure that all recent arrivals receive 60 days of food assistance. The distribution plan will aim to reach more than 50 per cent of the population (15,500 Ivorians) in the coming week.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR distributed 708 bags of rice to feed 2,309. UNHCR also distributed more than 4,000 bars of soap, 2,267 blankets, 1,129 masks, 1,015 jerry cans and almost 1,000 buckets. Distribution of food assistance and CRIs is ongoing throughout the border areas.

## Ghana



### PROTECTION

- As of 15 February, Ghana is hosting a total of 877 Ivorian refugees (400 families), most new arrivals come to at Ampain Camp after crossing the Elubo border. Registration is an ongoing joint effort between the Ghana

Refugee Board and UNHCR, and 70 per cent of the population have been registered and given asylum-seeker certificates.



### HEALTH

- To prevent the spread of COVID-19, new arrivals to Ampain Camp continue to be transferred to the Sowodadzim Reception and Quarantine Center, where 21 individuals (11 families) are currently completing their mandatory 14-day quarantine. In Fetentaa Camp, one new arrival is undergoing mandatory quarantine in a designated area of the camp.
- At Sowodadzim, the Ghana Health Service continues to identify and treat medical conditions such as malaria and body pain, while referring individuals with serious medical conditions to the Elubo Clinic.
- UNHCR partner ADRA continues to distribute face masks and hand sanitizers to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to provide hot meals for new arrivals in undergoing mandatory quarantine.



### SHELTER AND CRIs

- During the reporting period, 24 new arrivals completed their mandatory quarantine period at Sowowdadzim and were transferred to Ampain Camp Extension, which is currently hosting 450 individuals (210 families).
- Fetentaa Camp Extension now hosts 94 individuals (51 families) who have all been assigned tents.

## Guinea

- As of 15 February, there are 511 Ivorian arrivals (150 families) in Guinea, and registration and border monitoring are ongoing. Most new arrivals cross into Guinea through unofficial points where they aren't subject to COVID-19 precautions.
- Due to the recent outbreak of Ebola in areas of Guinea bordering Côte d'Ivoire and hosting Ivorian arrivals, sensitization campaigns are underway in refugee communities to raise awareness and prevent the spread.
- Most new arrivals live with host communities who support them with shelter, food and other resources. Some new arrivals are also provided with land for farming.

## Togo

- As of 15 February, there are 40 Ivorian refugees in Togo. They have been registered by the National Commission for Assistance to Refugees (CNAR) and most are being hosted in private homes in local communities where the distribution of COVID-19 protection kits is underway.

## Côte d'Ivoire

- Reports by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire indicate that of an initial population of 16,732 internally displaced persons, 68 per cent (11,338) have returned to their original villages, leaving the IDP population at 5,394.
- UNHCR is providing IDPs with shelter, blankets, clothing, soap, and other necessities distributed through CARITAS. UNHCR leads the protection working group with IRC and the shelter/CRI sector with CARITAS.